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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yvan NOVIS et al.

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FOR: TRANSPARENT SUBSTRATE COATED WITH A SILVER DEPOSIT

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 21, 2003, the period for response thereto being extended by virtue of the petition and extension fee submitted herewith, reconsideration and allowance of all claims now pending is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1
32. (amended) Transparent substrate carrying a coating stack in accordance with claim 25, characterized in that at least one of the two non-absorbent transparent dielectric coating layers comprises a sub-layer of at least one nitride.

C2
34. (amended) Transparent substrate carrying a coating stack in accordance with claim 25, characterized in that the at least one metallic coating layer is selected from the group consisting of silver, a combination of silver and platinum, a combination of silver and palladium, and a combination of silver, platinum and palladium.